

JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE or BRAND NAME SPECIFIED  
(Simplified Acquisitions <\$150K)

The service or material listed on PR# N0016116RC08307 is sole source and competition is precluded for reasons indicated below. There are no substitutes available for this material or service.

**Restricted to the following source** (If a sole source manufacturer distributes via dealers, ALSO provide dealer information):

*United States Naval Academy (USNA) requests awarding a contract for annual renewal subscriptions to three (3) online data bases on a sole source basis to EBSCO Industries, Inc. It should be noted that two different firms are the publishers of the aforementioned three (3) databases.*

Manufacturer/Publisher #1: *Grey House Publishing DBA H.W. Wilson*  
 Manufacturer/Publisher #2: *The Institution of Engineering and Technology*

Dealer / Rep / Recommended source: **EBSCO Industries, Inc.**

Dealer / Rep /Recommended source address / phone #: 978-356-6500

**X** Description of the item or service required, the estimated cost, and required delivery date.

**ITEM 1: INSPEC Database subscription renewal for the period of 1/1/16 – 12/31/16.**

**ITEM 2: Readers Guide Retrospective 1890-1892 Database subscription renewal for the period of 1/1/16 – 12/31/16.**

**ITEM 3: Book Review Digest Plus Database subscription renewal for the period of 1/1/16 – 12/31/16.**

*The United States Naval Academy (USNA) requires access for a minimum of two (2) simultaneous users for all three (3) subscription renewals.*

X Specific characteristics of the material or service that limit the availability to a sole source / brand name (unique features, function of the item, etc.). Describe in detail why only this suggested source / brand name can furnish the requirements to the exclusion of other sources / brands.

*USNA's Nimitz Library currently has subscriptions to the three aforementioned databases. They currently are all accessible via the EBSCOhost Multi-Database Search on PCs located at Nimitz Library. Midshipmen have the current capability of using only one database search tool (EBSCOhost Multi-Database Search) to search for information and publications spanning vastly varying educational disciplines. USNA has access to the EBSCOhost Multi-Database Search features because EBSCO Industries, Inc. only makes its Multi-Database Search available to customers of its database subscriptions. Midshipmen are experiencing positive academic experiences because of the lack of a necessity to search hundreds of databases in order to find the sought after publication.*

*While the three required database subscription renewals are available for sale from firms besides EBSCO Industries, Inc., award of a contract to a firm aside from EBSCO Industries, Inc. would have a significant negative impact on Midshipmen's academic experiences due to the potential increased need to search multiple databases.*

*Award of a contract to any firm besides EBSCO Industries, Inc. would be unacceptable.*

CHECK & FILL IN ALL APPLICABLE BLANKS BELOW

☒ The requested material or service represents the minimum requirements of the government.

\_\_\_ The material/service must be compatible in all aspects (form, fit and function) with existing systems presently installed/performing. Describe the equipment/function you have now and how the new item/service must coordinate, connect, or interface with the existing system.

A patent, copyright or proprietary data limits competition.

\_\_\_ These are "direct replacements" parts/components for existing equipment.

\_\_\_ Other information to support a sole source / name brand buy:

I CERTIFY THAT STATEMENTS CHECKED, AND INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE, ARE COMPLETE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROCESSING OF THIS SOLE SOURCE / BRAND NAME JUSTIFICATION PRECLUDES THE USE OF FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title Head of Acquisitions

Activity U.S. Naval Academy Library y

Date 10/30/15

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11/4/15

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